

FORENSIC LINGUISTICS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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Abstract: This work presents the short history of linguistic application in investigation and court procedures, and the history of development of particular disciplines in the scope of forensic linguistics as a subspecialist field; the sources of analysis and fields of application are marked; the methods of analysis used for separating forensic markers are given in various levels of linguistic structure, and it is especially discussing about types of individual speech and language characteristics which are used as forensic markers in determining and verifying speakers. The possible forensic markers in determining linguistic profile of an unknown speaker of a crime are presented. The possibility of forensic analysis of written language samples is also noted.

Keywords: investigation and court procedures, forensic linguistics, linguistic disciplines, forensic identification of speakers, determination of profile of an unknown speaker (writer), speech samples, text samples.